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1. WE ARE STILL INCLINED TO LET PHIBLEX 3-75 PROCEED,
ALTHOUGH STRONGLY SUBSCRIBING TO CAVEAT MENTIONED PARA ONE,
REF A. LANDING EXERCISES ARE CONDUCTED UNDER GENERAL
AUTHORIZATION OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT DATED FEB. 21, 1949,
AND IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO SEE IF GOG REGARDS THIS AS STILL
VALID. WE RUN THE RISK, AS WE WILL WITH ANY REQUEST DURING
THIS PERIOD OF TNESION, OF ELICITING NEGATIVE RESPONSE

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WHICH MIGHT NOT BE GIVEN AT A LATER TIME. WE BELIEVE IT IS

WORTH THE RISK IN THIS CASE.

2. THE DEPTH OF GREEK FEELING ABOUT THE TURKS IS SUCH
THAT A NAVOCFORMED EXERCISE INVOLVING BOTH WOULD APPEAR TO BE
A TOTAL NON-STARTER. WE CONTINUE TO BELEIVE THAT BILATERAL
OR MULTILATERAL EXERCISES NOT INVOLVING BOTH GREEK AND
TURKISH ELEMENTS WOULD BE MOST USEFUL DEVICE FOR KEEPING
GREEKS INVOLVED, BUT IT IS PREMATURE TO PURPOSE EVEN THIS
UNDER CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

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